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INCIDENTALLY, is that home rule for taxpayers theory a pledge of the republican state platform?

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY is running true to form. The administration has begun to find fault with Edgar Bush, Lieutenant-governor.

THE NEWS says the highway commission will have to quit its legislative lobbying if it wants "to win and hold the confidence" of the public. Thanks for the admission that the commission does not now enjoy that confidence.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS are quoted as determined not to another jail delivery. Perhaps a little attention to the personnel of the jail staff would be as effective as the expenditure of \$100,000 on remodeling.

Then and Now

In these days when the general assembly of Indiana is struggling to reach some sort of an agreement that will permit the various government units of the state to collect revenue sufficient for their operation, it is interesting to turn back to some of the statements of Gov. James P. Goodrich, made when he assumed control of the state government.

On Feb. 16, 1917, in referring to need of increased state revenue, Mr. Goodrich said:

"We must do one of three things in raising this money: Increase the tax rate, which is already higher than that of any other state in the union except one; must, through orders of the state board of tax commissioners, increase the assessed value of property under their jurisdiction, or, finally, resort to an excise tax."

Three years have passed since this statement by Gov. Goodrich, years in which the general assembly has been in session four times, and Goodrich has been elevated to a position of such strength in the affairs of his party that he has absolutely dominated its policies and the legislation it has spread of record.

But not one of the three alternatives which Mr. Goodrich outlined as necessary has been invoked.

The tax rate in Indiana was reduced to a senseless extreme by his orders and it can not now be legally increased.

The assessed value of property was increased by his orders, to a point where it became necessary for outraged property owners to attack the assessments and call upon the supreme court for relief from illegally ordered increases.

The final resort, to an excise tax, failed at the beginning of the governor's administration and no effort has been made by the governor to renew the proposal, although he has demonstrated time and again that his influence is the predominant one in the general assembly.

After years of jockeying and litigation, the conditions that confront the state of Indiana in reference to its revenues are no different from what they were when Mr. Goodrich said:

"The question that confronts you and me, representing the people as we do, is whether or not we shall impose this burden upon a class of property already carrying its full share of the cost of government, or resort to those who enjoy special privileges and exceptional franchises, for which they have never paid anything, and following the admitted practice of other states, call upon them to contribute to the support of the state a just and fair compensation for the privileges so enjoyed."

An explanation of this apparent lapse of civic righteousness may be drawn from the assertions of the governor in the same address as follows:

"Interested in corporations as I am, I, nevertheless, recognize when I accept a franchise at the hands of my state, that I receive a valuable grant. I avoid personal liability, I avoid the winding up of a co-partnership in case of death, find a ready and fruitful market for the securities I desire to issue, and the state protects me in these special privileges, available only to a limited number of our citizens—those possessed of substantial property interests."

Beverley Howard's Case

A jury in criminal court which heard the same evidence presented to a judge in city court determined that Beverley Howard should spend thirty days at the penal farm for a law violation rather than ten days in jail, as had previously been ordered by the city court judge.

The offense for which the jury fixed an increased penalty had not been aggravated by alleged misconduct in the interval between the two decisions. The evidence was practically the same and the only obvious explanation of the difference is that a jury of twelve Marion county citizens looks on the law violations as deserving of greater punishment than does the judge.

This incident goes to support the theory that the citizens of Marion county are, as a whole, very tired of the continued violations of law by political ward heelers whose influence with the negro vote has often been accepted as giving license to play fast and loose with the statutes.

Beverley Howard is a boss of negro voters. He has never failed in the past to "deliver" to the powers that control the administration.

For a time in the last primaries Howard's attitude was uncertain. There were indications that he might throw the weight of his influence toward the anti-administration candidates.

But the returns from the precincts that he is credited with controlling show that he was "regular."

The returns from the criminal court jury show that whether he was "regular" or not he was guilty of an offense against the state of Indiana. This was the second judgment to that effect.

There remains, of course, the possibility that he may escape this judgment by appeal, by a second trial, by suspension of sentence or by parole from the governor.

It is unbelievable that Beverley Howard will ever serve the sentence. To do so would be to lose the influence which has in the past made him very valuable to organization workers in the republican ranks.

Howard will have help in staying away from the penal farm. The help will come from white political traffickers in colored votes. These politicians will not help Howard because of any interest in Howard himself, but because they do not desire to see Howard's usefulness at primaries destroyed.

It will be interesting indeed to note just who comes to his rescue and which of the well-known methods is employed to keep Howard from paying the penalty of an offense of which he has twice been found guilty.

Pity Jim Watson!

James Ell Watson, junior senator from Indiana and candidate for reelection, is certainly traveling in hard luck.

Although he is the candidate of his party whom the party should be most anxious to elect this fall, he is without voice in its councils, without control of its machinery and without ability to sidestep the detrimental effect of the present session of the Jim Goodrich administration.

Whatever the legislature does Mr. Watson must be happy. Yet he is today forced to accept a choice of two evils and absents himself from Indiana, while the said legislature, under the control of Jim Goodrich, deals with subjects the disposition of which may wreck Watson's chances of election.

The Hoosier sense of fair play compels sympathy for Jim Watson. His time-tried enemy, Jim Goodrich, whipped him in the state organization, forced him to endorse the Goodrich administration at the state convention and is now engaged in framing a series of new laws which the senator will be forced to swallow whole if he desires to be elected.

Watson can not shake the Goodrich control of the legislature sufficiently to direct the legislature in this special session.

Watson must accept whatever the legislature does as being in the best interests of the republican party.

Yet Watson, with the most at stake, can have no hand in shaping the course of the legislature.

To repudiate this Goodrich controlled legislature would mean political suicide for Watson who is even now rather dubious about the quality of the support he can expect from Goodrich.

To accept this legislative record as in accordance with his own desires is to shoulder the burdens of Goodrichism, complete.

Figuratively and politically speaking, of course, Jim Watson is between the "devil and the deep sea" and only one guess is allowed as to who is officiating (politically and figuratively again) as the opposite of the "deep sea."

TOM KELLY IS THE PROUD FATHER OF TRIPLETS
For Stage Purposes Only in the Farce 'Baby Mine'

Lael Davis, Elizabeth Patterson, George Somnes and Elizabeth Black in a funny scene from "Baby Mine."

Thomas Kelly is very happy. This week he is the "father" of triplets.

Now do not get excited, as it's only for stage purposes and a regular scream or a play at that.

"Baby Mine" is one of those bedroom farces in which Lael Davis as Zole Hardy lures her husband back home following a quarrel on the assumption that he is a father.

The acts will be at the Lyric all this week.

THE RIALTO.

Buck Jones in a Fox movie of the west, "The Square Shooter," is the feature offering at the Rialto this week.

Buck has a chance to ride on the western plains in this movie and he has a chance to be romantic.

"Tom Kelly is immense when he is kissing the three state babies, and we believe, just as that sweet little person who sat near us, that 'Mr. Kelly would make an ideal husband.'

John Wray as Jimmy Jinks, the friend of the Hardys, who discovers all the babies to be used in the play, puts over his comedy touch, does Miss Marjorie Vonneugt as Angie, Jim's wife.

Miss Vonneugt probably does the most in acting of the entire cast and seemed to set the coday pace by the sureness with which she delivered her lines.

Elizabeth Black, Elizabeth Patterson, George Somnes, Oscar Crail and Oscar Davisson have small parts, but vital to the action of the farce.

"Baby Mine" has a pretty bed and Miss Davis wears some pretty pajamas, and of course any play having those attributes would be successful.

Opinion: "Baby Mine" is a nice summer film and has many good laughs.

At the Murat all week. W. D. H.

QUICK CHANGES

AT THE LYRIC.

The old joke about the slowness of woman in dressing misses its mark at the Lyric this week.

At last a woman has been found who can change her costume without an hour at the mirror.

This wonder is Marion Munson.

She changes her costumes ten or twelve times, and with almost lightning speed. And for each change, she makes a change of character, appearing in ten characters.

Her vehicle is a one-act play that gives her a chance to portray each one of her impersonations fully.

Her leading man is the only other member of her company.

The Sillitoe brothers open the performances with their trapeze and comedy act.

Quick work on their aerial stunts gain them much applause.

Melville and Stetson have songs and also perform on the saxophone and the accordion.

Audrey Farney, an Indianapolis girl, answered many encores with her old-fashioned songs.

And the Powell troupe of five entertain on a tight wire.

They jump through hoops and turn handspins on the wire.

There are three men in the troupe, and

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How may tomatoes be skinned without scalding? F. A. M.

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A. Hold the tomato firmly and scrape it with a paring knife as if removing fuzz from a peach. If the tomato is fairly ripe the skin will be loosened and can be loosened and can be removed easily.

The flavor is not impaired as it is by scalding.

SUGAR CANE IN U. S.

Q. Where can sugar cane be raised in the United States? W. O. S.

A. Sugar cane requires a warm climate and long season, so its culture in the United States is limited in the main to a region 200 to 300 miles wide along the extreme south Atlantic coast and the gulf coast, to some low lying valleys under irrigation in Arizona, and to southern California. A few localities in other states produce small quantities.

SATURN'S POSITION.

Q. What is Saturn's position in the sky at present? A. O. J.

A. The United States naval observatory says that Saturn is not favorably situated for observation at present. About Dec. 1 it will be in a good position to be observed as a morning star. It is now an evening star, setting about two hours after sunset.

TO GET VICTORY MEDAL.

Q. Does a former soldier have to apply for an application for a Victory button? R. D.

A. The government says that you have not received a Victory button and Victory medal, you should apply to the nearest army recruiting station, taking your honorable discharge with you for identification.

ROMAN NUMERALS.

Q. Can you tell me why the figures III are used instead of IV on some watches and clocks? J. C. D.

A. The subtractive principle in Roman numerals, that is, placing one (I)

before five (V) to represent four (IV), etc., although known to the later Romans, was not used until in recent years, and on early clock faces the figure four is always represented by III. This system is used to some extent at the present day.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Q. Are government publications copyrighted? B. F. M.

A. Such publications are not copyrighted, but it is ethical, when quoting from such authorities, to give credit.

SAVIOR OF THE UNION.

Q. Who was called the "Savior of the Union"? L. K.

A. This was one of the many nicknames given to Ulysses S. Grant.

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